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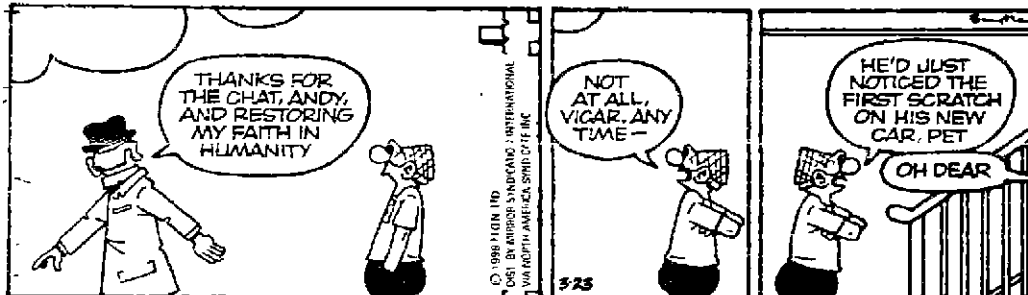
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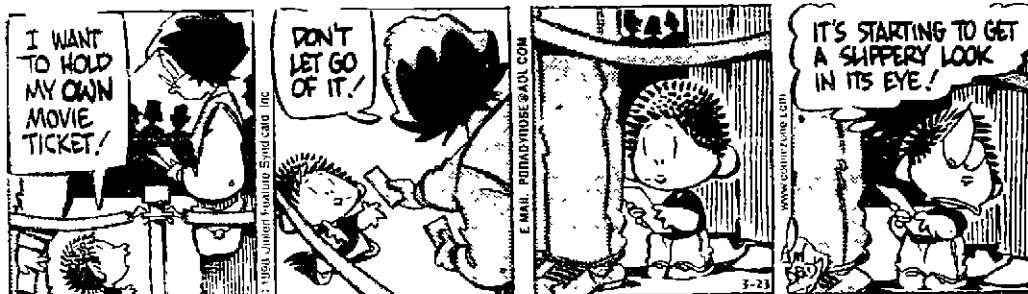
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ANDY CAPP



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



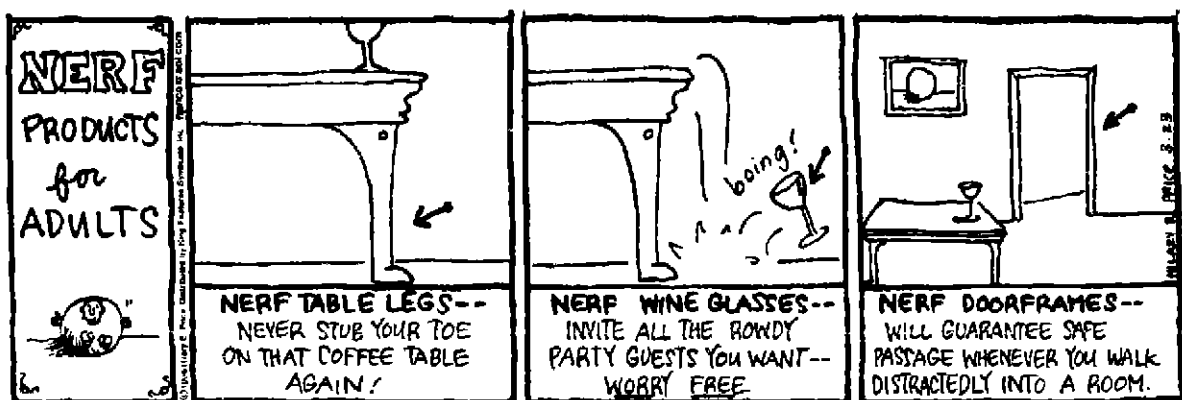
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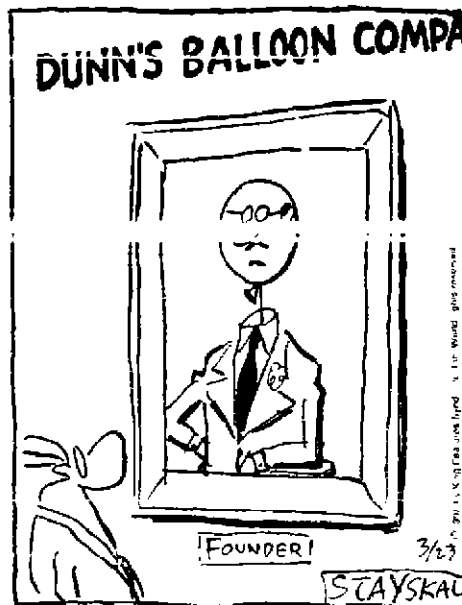
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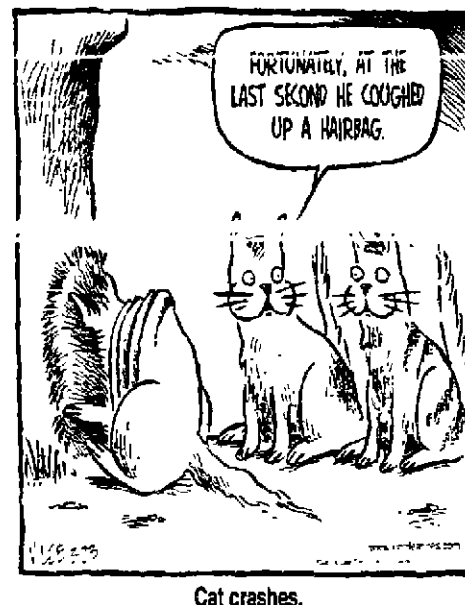
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Movie director Akira Kurosawa is 88. Comedian Marty Allen is 78. Movie director Mark Rydell is 64. Singer Chaka Khan is 45. Actress Amanda Plummer is 41. Actor Richard Grieco is 33. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 30. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 28. Actress Nicholle Tom ("The Nanny") is 21.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 155-165 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Marriner-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3/23/98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

N	A	O	G	K	A	L
G	S	A	E	R	N	E
B	F	R	G	E	H	U
D	K	E	U	L	G	C

RACK 1: Double Word Score
RACK 2: Double Word Score
RACK 3: Double Word Score
RACK 4: Triple Word Score

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

— hall

X G D A X U R O E L J C G D A
X V S P N K I C G Y O F C A X
I N D E P E N D E N C E V S Q
O L J H I A E I V O I C A X V
T R T P D N G E N H N R L J H
F D A B Y E N C W P X V I T R
P O M T N T E A O M O M M H K
I G M R I R E D T Y U O E B Z
X O A O T O I N E S R A L S W
T C N O I T I B I H X E U T S
R O Y O N L J C I G F D C A Y

Saturday's unlisted clue: PEDALS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: ARMY DINING HALL

Annie	Convention	Independence	Tammany
Arsenio	Dance	Music	Tom T.
Carnegie	Exhibition	Pool	Town
Concert	Hiring	Symphony	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, March 24, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid a tendency to push too hard in a romantic relationship. A lighter touch is needed.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Money is very much on your mind, particularly those credit card debts. It's a good time to set budget priorities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone is really bailing you, but you don't have to bite. Instead, tap into your inner self and deal with this calmly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your appetite for fun is whetted. However, you need to get on with what must be done at work.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're a bit groggy and tired as the day begins. You could be run-down and susceptible to a cold or flu.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Kindness is a better weapon than a sharp tongue. In fact, you'll be quite pleased with how well everything goes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You find yourself in a somewhat uncomfortable situation early in the day. However, you can handle yourself admirably.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are taken by surprise when someone returns a kindness you did long ago. These helps reinforce your belief in people's goodness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Taking the phone off the hook and rolling over in bed isn't going to help. You just have to face the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) An extra burst of energy comes to your aid. You can accomplish much during your work day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) There's some trouble brewing with a particular friend. Wait to see what this person has to say before you fly off the handle.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Just when you were ready to give up, someone comes through for you in a big way. Be sure you express your gratitude.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I had to decide at trick one," explained a guilt-laden East. "If your lead was singleton, I had to win immediately to give you a ruff. Unfortunately, you had two clubs instead of one." What clues should have led East to the correct decision? North's two-club response (original Stayman) promised at least one major. When South bid spades and North jumped to three no-trump, South knew North held four hearts and game-going values. Therefore, he retreated to the safer 4-4 fit in hearts. West led his club nine, and East pondered over his play. After much anguish, he won his ace and returned the suit, hoping West could ruff. There was no ruff, and South escaped with game. He lost only a trump and two aces, leaving him with 10 winners. Had East paid more attention to South's bidding, he would have known what to do at trick one. South's responses to Stayman indicated he had both majors, leaving him with only seven minor-suit cards. If West's club nine were a singleton, South would have held four clubs. This would have left him with only a singleton diamond, a possibility inconsistent with his opening bid. With the likelihood of a singleton club excluded, East has an easy defense. He should signal with his club six at trick one. And when West wins his trump king, another club lead to East's ace secures the ruff to beat the game.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q 7	♠ 9 4	♠ 10 6 5 2	♠ 9 4
♥ J 10 8 5	♥ 1 2	♥ K 6 3	♥ 1 2
♦ J 7	♦ 9 6 4 3 2	♦ A 10 8 5	♦ A 10 6 3
♣ K Q 8 2	♣ 9 4	♣ 9 4	♣ 9 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Club nine

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0209

ACROSS

1 Labyrinth
5 Murders, mob-style
9 Numbers on baseball cards
14 — Brothers of 40's-50's music
15 Pink, as a steak
16 Sign in an apartment window
17 Head honcho
18 Think out loud
20 Michaelmas daisy
21 Prefix with metric
22 Like most sumo wrestlers
23 Kind of preview
25 Carpenter's machine
26 Droop
29 Roadhouse
30 Nuisance
31 More smooth
33 Medieval weapons
37 Lima's land
38 Relatives of the English horn
40 Pharaohs' river
41 Shivered
43 Persians, today
45 Slippery
46 — Mir Bist Du Schoen (1938 hit)
47 Bombast
48 Gets the 7-10 split
51 Sheriff's symbol
53 Gypsy's deck
54 Have title to
55 Beginning
59 "Don't tell —"
60 Head honcho
62 "What — to do?"
63 Presently
64 Tickle-me doll
65 Tapes sent to recording companies
66 Classic political cartoonist
67 Card game start
DOWN
1 Doll's cry
2 Writer Kingsley
3 Prigancy
4 Adlai's 1956 running mate
5 Bobby of the Bruns
6 One-named 50's-60's teen idol
7 Search, as for weapons
8 Kind of lily
9 Informer
10 Head honcho
11 Nonnational
12 Upright
13 One of the cattle in a cattle drive
18 Actor Kovacs
24 Signs up
26 Mo. when Libra starts
27 Swear
28 Richard of "Primal Fear"
29 "Rue Morgue" writer
30 Head honcho
32 Pea container
34 Pad — (traffic caution)
36 Director Kazan
38 Meeting: Abbr.
39 Not Turkish
40 poon-poon
42 June bugs, e.g.
44 Severely
45 Folk music instruments
46 Conservative
48 Out of style
49 — With a View
51 Master, in Swahili
52 Closed
54 Neighbor of Yemen
56 Shoe bottom
57 Jane Austen novel
58 Hammer or sickle
59 Toronto's prov.

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-7-ACROSS.